

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The title has been amended to read as follows.

--REDUCING A DIFFERENCE IN PICTURE QUALITY BETWEEN  
DETERIORATED AND NON-DETERIORATED IMAGES USING A PRINTING  
APPARATUS--.

Please amend the Field of the Invention section at page 1, lines 5-8, with the following amended paragraph.

The invention relates to ~~control of a printing apparatus for receiving print information from a plurality of computers on a network via a predetermined interface and processing it~~ which reduces a difference of picture quality between a deteriorated image and a non-deteriorated image to obtain a print result in which a boundary between the deteriorated image and the non-deteriorated image is inconspicuous.

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 11, lines 14-17, with the following amended paragraph.

Although ~~[[JPEG]]~~ Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) is used as irreversible compression, naturally, the invention can be applied to any irreversible compressing method so long as the compression ration can be changed.